

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 22nd 2004

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Today (22nd of February) Girl Guides from the Dublin area are taking part in Thinking Day on the Air from their Headquarters in Harrington Street. This is an opportunity for the members of the Guide Movement to talk to other members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world via Amateur Radio.

The 22nd of February is Thinking Day because it was the birthday of Lord Robert Baden Powell, the founder of the Scout and Guide movements, and his wife Olave, who was the first World Chief Guide.

On this day each year members of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) remember the founders of the movement and take part in various activities to think about their sisters throughout the world.

The Dublin Guides will be operating from their Headquarters in Harrington Street under the callsign EI8CGI.

IRTS AGM and Limerick Rally

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will take place on Sunday March the 7th at the Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. The AGM this year is being hosted by Limerick Radio Club and will run in conjunction with the LRC rally. The Annual Dinner will take place the previous night (Saturday March the 6th) at the same venue.

Please note that nominations for all trophies must be with the Awards Committee on or before February the 29th. Entrants for the Construction Trophies must present their equipment to the Awards Committee before noon on the day. Entries for the Ian Morris Trophy must also be submitted before February the 29th. All trophies should be returned to Peter Grant, EI4HX as soon as possible.

The list of confirmed attendees to date for the Limerick Rally are ICOM UK, Linear Amp UK, YAESU UK, Cellcom, Long Communications and Southeast Communications.

A demonstration of Licence free Wide Area Networking operating on 2.4 GHz will take place as will a demonstration on the operation of EchoLink.

Yaesu are donating an FT8800R dual band mobile transceiver for the rally and also a VR120 scanner for the AGM dinner.

Bring and Buy will feature as usual, due to circumstances beyond the control of Limerick Radio Club the cost of the tables have increased to €10. It is with regret that LRC have had to increase the price, but this is due to circumstances that are beyond the control of the club.

East Cork Amateur Radio Group

The East Cork Group have a new 70 cm repeater located in Ballygarvan, just south of Cork City. The output is on 430.900 and the input frequency is 438.500 MHz.

Mills Weekend

The Mills Weekend will take place over the weekend of the 8th and 9th of May. There is a web site with more information at www.qsl.net/g4cdd There is an award for working or hearing 10 windmill or watermill stations, so if you are unable to put on a station you can still take part in the event.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place this Tuesday the 24th of February, at 8.00 p.m. in the club's QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham. All members are requested to attend.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Group will take place this coming Wednesday the 25th of February 2004 at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Social & Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. Up to date information about the club is available at www.searg.com

Lighthouse Maps

A map of Irish Lighthouses and Lightships is now available on EI8ICs website at www.gsl.net/ei8ic/maps/lighthouse.html When viewed with Internet Explorer, additional features are available, including identifier-boxes for each point on the map, and a sortable database that can be used off-line, with information on ARLHS number, county, position, light and tower details.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026 or e-mail cyberis@vodafone.ie. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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